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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF DESTABILIZATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER DUDLEY THOMPSON

1. AMBASSADOR AND ARA/CAR COUNTRY DIRECTOR HEAVNER
CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER DUDLEY THOMPSON AUGUST 24.
IN ADDITION BRIEF DISCUSSION OF NAM SUMMIT (SEPTEL)
FOLLOWING SUBJECTS AROSE.

2. THOMPSON DID NOT RESPOND SUBSTANTIVELY TO QUERY
ABOUT WHAT COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS.
RE "DESTABILIZATION", HEAVNER EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT
CONTINUING ALLEGATIONS DESPITE HIGH LEVEL U.S. ASSUR-
ANCES ON THIS SUBJECT, AND EFFORTS BY USG TO COOPER-
ATE WITH GOJ IN INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES IN
U.S. BY PRIVATE PARTIES DIRECTED AT GOJ. ON LATTER
POINT, HEAVNER POINTED OUT THAT, ON BASIS INFORMATION
PRESENTLY AVAILABLE FROM GOJ, INVESTIGATIONS ARE
PRETTY MUCH AT A DEAD END.

3. THOMPSON DID NOT ALLUDE TO HIS MOST RECENT DESTA-
BILIZATION CHARGES (VOICED AT THE COLOMBO SUMMIT)
BUT DID STATE (IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON THIS POINT)
THAT U.S. PRESS TREATMENT OF JAMAICA HAD IMPROVED
CONSIDERABLY SINCE DEPUTY ASSISTANCT SECRETARY LEURS'
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TESTIMONY ON CARIBBEAN BEFORE FASCELL SUBCOMMITTEE.

THOMPSON SAID HE THOUGHT THAT TESTIMONY WAS BALANCED
AND VERY HELPFUL.

4. MOST OF CONVERSATION GIVEN OVER TO HUMAN RIGHTS
ISSUE -- PROBABLY AN EFFORT BY THOMPSON TO AVOID
MORE THOROUGH DISCUSSION NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT ISSUES AND
HIS BEHAVIOUR AT COLOMBO. HE CHARGED SECRETARY KISSINGER
HAD NOT SPOKEN OUT FORCEFULLY ENOUGH ON HUMAN RIGHTS
IN SANTIAGO. AMBASSADOR AND HEAVNER TOOK EXCEPTION
TO THIS AND POINTED OUT USG FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS AT
SANTIAGO AND IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.
THOMPSON ALSO VOLUNTEERED OPINION THAT U.S. AND
JAMAICA MUST SPEAK OUT FORCEFULLY "ACROSS THE BOARD"
ON HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING CUBA. THOMPSON SAID HE
INTENDED TO DO PRECISELY THAT VIS-A-VIS CUBA. HE
MENTIONED WITH VISIBLE ANNOYANCE CUBAN GOVERNMENT
REFUSAL TO PERMIT CUBAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
ATTEND RECENT CHURCH CONVENTION IN JAMAICA.

5. COMMENT: THOMPSON WAS VISIBLY EXHAUSTED.
HIS LINKAGE OF CUBA WITH CHILE ON HUMAN RIGHTS
ISSUES WAS SOMETHING OF A SURPRISE, BUT PROBABLY
SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH A GRAIN OF SALT.
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